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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (WD/BRFO) is seeking public comment on a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Hycroft Mine Facilities Expansion Project. The proposal evaluated in this PEA involves expanding existing mining operations and upgrading infrastructure for the mine. Hycroft Resources Development Inc. (HRDI) has submitted a plan modification to the Hycroft Mine (BLM record N-064641) Plan of Operations (Plan). In addition to the Plan modification, the PEA analyzes three connected right-of-way applications: a well field, a 120 kV powerline, and construction of a new Substation. The Hycroft Mine is located approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada on the west flank of the Kamma Mountains, in T.34N., R.29E., sections 1-4, 9-12 and 14; T.35N., R.29E., sections 13, 14, 22-27, and 33-36; T.35N., R.33E., sections 16-21 and 28-32, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian (MDB&M). The proposed Well field is adjacent to the mine, in T.34N, R.28E sections 1-2 and 11-13, T.34N, R.29E, sections 5-7 and 18, T.35N, R.28E, sections 35-36, and T.35N, R.29E, section 31, MDB&M. The proposed 120 kV Powerline would be a combination of rebuilt lines and new construction, which would measure approximately 54.3 miles and extend from the existing Oreana substation near Mill City, NV to the Hycroft Mine. The new substation would replace an existing substation at Dun Glen, NV.

The proposed projects listed above would support a new mill at the mine, which is permitted by the State of Nevada on private land, and is currently under construction. The mill would require modifications and upgrades to existing facilities for its operation. These proposed modifications include: a Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) with associated ponds, a new well field to provide water to the mill and TSF, new and/or upgraded infrastructure for electric power, and a rail spur to receive commodities and export ore concentrate from the mill. Total acreage proposed to be disturbed under this proposed modification would be approximately 698 acres (515.5 acres on public land and 182.6 on private land).

The proposed modification does not change the current mine life. Pending acquisition of requisite authorizations and permits, the proposed activities would begin in 2014, with mining anticipated to continue until 2024.

The public is invited to submit comments on the PEA within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please send written comments to Ms. Kathleen Rehberg, project lead, at the above address, or e-mail [wfoweb@blm.gov](mailto:wfoweb@blm.gov) with Hycroft Mine Expansion (Rehberg) in the subject line. The PEA, this letter and a map are available on the Winnemucca BLM's e-Planning webpage at <http://on.doi.gov/1nCgcAd>. In addition, a copy of Hycroft's Plan of Operations is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters will be available for public review during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Rehberg at (775) 623-1500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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